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IT, in King *Charles* IId's Reign, ſeem'd to be the Faſhion of the Times, and hardly any one was allow'd to be a Gentleman, who had not annex'd it to his Character in ſome Shape or other: In the next Reign it gave Way intirely to Politicks and Religion, and the Privileges of both were in too much Danger to leave room for Amuſements of any Kind: While King *William* was on the Throne, it reviv'd under the Protection and Encouragement of Lord *Sommers*, and ſome other diſtinguiſh'd Noblemen, and then thoſe Geniuſes receiv'd that Tincture of Elegance and Politeneſs which afterwards made ſuch a Figure in the *Tatlers*, *Spectators*, &c. thro' the greateſt Part of the Reign of Queen *Anne*: But from that Time to this it has broke out only by Starts, never for any long Continuance, and, for want of being the Mode, is now ſeldom or never heard of at all. I would not be thought partial to the laſt Age, or prejudic'd againſt this; neither do I think there is any room for the Inſinuation; for every Body knows the Characters and Facts of the Times I have quoted, and very few I am afraid can produce any parallel Inſtances of Merit amongſt us: For my own Part I muſt confeſs I have heard but of very few, amongſt our young People of Diſtinction, who ever trouble themſelves about the Name of *Wit*; in Conſequence fewer ſtill underſtand what it is, and hardly any at all have honour'd it by their Example. In the next Claſs of People it ſeems to be beſt known, moſt admir'd, and moſt frequently reduc'd into Practice; but their Stations in Life are not eminent enough to dazzle us into Imitation, and, ſuch is the Weakneſs of our Minds at preſent, that, without Quality to guide us, we can't be prevail'd on even to do ourſelves a Service. What a Task therefore do I undertake? Writing on *Wit* now is like Muſick to the *Deaf*, or Painting to the *Blind*: I talk of a Subject that is ſeldom underſtood, and as ſeldom regarded; not ſure to be heard, and, if heard, in Danger to be condemn'd on all Sides; Folly will cenſure becauſe it does not underſtand, and Wiſdom becauſe it underſtands too well: This only Comfort can redound to me from the Subject, that, if I handle it ill, it will ſuit better with the Underſtandings of the Times, and, thoſe who are Maſters, will charitably impute my Dulneſs to the epidemick Infection of the Age. *Wit*, therefore, is a Start of Imagination in the Speaker, that ſtrikes the Imagination of the Hearer with an Idea of Beauty common to both; and the immediate Reſult of the Compariſon is the Flaſh of Joy that attends it; it ſtands in the ſame Regard to Senſe, or Wiſdom, as Lightning to the Sun; 'tis a Ray ſuddenly and unexpectedly kindled, and as ſuddenly and inſtantly gone; for even where a Subject is begun, continued, and ended with *Wit*, the Whole conſiſts but of ſo many interrupted Flaſhes, that appear and diſappear in Succeſſion; while Reaſoning and Philoſophy ſhine with an equal and ſteady Light from the Day-break to the Evening. *Wit* is certainly dependent on the Conſtitution, and not to be acquir'd by Study or Art, any more than Genius or Beauty; volatile and mercurial Minds are thoſe who abound with it moſt, and, tho' 'tis always an Excellency in the Abſtract, it as often ariſes from a Defect in the Mind, as from its Strength and Capacity; this is evident in thoſe Perſons who are *Wits* only, without the Power of being grave or wiſe: the Imagination in them is purblind, it ſees but Bits and Scraps of the Object before it, or elſe it ſquints and multiplies it into Confuſion: Juſt, ſolid, and laſting *Wit* is the Reſult of fine Imagination, finiſh'd Study, and happy Temper of Body. A Man muſt have a Fancy quick to conceive, or he can never communicate with that Rapidity which hurries *Wit* into the World; if he has not Knowledge his Vein will be poor, broken, and trifling, and without Good-Humour he can never propagate that lively Complacency, that delightful Gayety of Heart, which ought always to ſweeten *Wit*: Such a Man, we ſee, muſt have many good Qualities, and when he is poſſeſs'd of all we have mention'd, he will need as much Diſcretion as Fancy, Knowledge, or Good-Humour, to guide and direct the Whole. As no one pleaſes more than the Man of Wit, no one is more liable to offend; Opportunities don't always happen to ſay lively Things that affect no particular Perſon's Character, and when they don't 'tis exceeding hard for a Man of Fire to conceal his Talent; many a Perſon's Wit has hurried him into an Inhumanity, that his Good-Senſe was afterwards aſham'd of; and many Times it has led him into Misfortunes that his Prudence would have avoided: Beſide, tho' 'tis generally eſteem'd the beſt Source of living Reputation, 'tis ſometimes the Means to deſtroy it; one Thing well ſaid and well receiv'd, has perſuaded the Speaker to aim at many more, and the laſt has utterly deſtroy'd the Effect of the firſt; let me add that any one Perſon's engroſſing a Converſation, tho' he ſupports it ever ſo agreeably, is an Affront to the reſt: Every one is ambitious of bearing his Part, and, tho' 'tis never ſo mean and trifling, he looks upon it as his Due, and will ſecretly reſent the Invaſion of his Right. Again, he who affects to be always witty renders himſelf cheap, and, in the End, may be ſaid to expoſe himſelf; tho' all Men have not a Talent at Satire, there are very few who don't ſee what is ridiculous in their Acquaintance, and no Creature in the World is more ſo than he who will be a Wit in all Company, and upon all Occaſions. The great Uſe and Advantage of *Wit* ought to be to render the Owner agreeable, by making him inſtrumental to the Happineſs of others, and this great Privilege is certainly more at his Command than any one's beſide: As ſoon as ſuch a Perſon appears amongſt his Friends, an Air of Pleaſure and Satisfaction diffuſes itſelf over every Face; every Heart dances with Joy, and he becomes a Kind of Demi-God in beſtowing Pleaſure all around him. *Wit* on ſuch Occaſions, and ſo us'd, is an Inſtrument of the ſweeteſt Muſick in the Hands of an Artiſt, commanding, ſoothing, and modulating all the Paſſions into Harmony and Peace. Neither is this the only Uſe of it, nor ought it only to be us'd for the Amuſement of Mankind; 'tis a ſharp Sword as well as a muſical Inſtrument, and ought to be drawn againſt Folly and Affectation, when they treſpaſs on their Bounds, and become troubleſome and offenſive; many a Man is more afraid of being made ridiculous than run thro' the Body, and many have been ſtopp'd in a full Career of Abſurdity by one ſeaſonable and humourous Reproof. Men who are fooliſh and vain at the ſame Time are the juſt and natural Objects of Wit and Satire, and 'tis but a friendly Severity to expoſe them: In ſhort a prudent Man may make his Wit a Shield to defend himſelf, as well as a Weapon to puniſh others, and, 'tis a Sin in the Poſſeſſor to carry the Sword of the Lord in vain. There is at the ſame Time an humble Ignorance, a modeſt Weakneſs that ought to be ſpar'd, becauſe ignorant and weak by the Error of Nature, and yet tenderly ſenſible of Reproach or Puniſhment; 'tis cruel to attack ſuch as theſe, they are unhappy already in the Conſciouſneſs of their own Defects, and 'tis fighting with the Lame and Sick to be ſevere on them, a Kind of Cowardice that the Brave ſhould be aſham'd of, and the Human oppoſe to the very utmoſt of their Power. Among intimate Friends decent and ſprightly Raillery may be of ſingular Advantage: The Wit that genteely glances at a Foible is ſmartly retorted, or generouſly forgiven, becauſe the Affection of the Reprover is as well known as the Merit of the Perſon reprov'd; in ſuch delicate Converſations as thoſe, Mirth, temper'd with Good-Manners, is the only Point in View, and we grow gay and polite together; perhaps there are no Moments of our Lives ſo ſincerely happy, and certainly there are none ſo innocent: Indeed ſhould Wit be ever introduc'd without this delicate Regard to Manners and Decorum, like Wine abus'd, 'ts the Parent of Diſcord and Confuſion: The moſt piquant Jeſt, or the livelieſt Strain of Humour, can't atone for the Loſs or even Diſpleaſure of a Friend, and certainly there is no Intimacy ſo great that will allow ſuch Liberties, or be anſwerable for the Conſequences. In a Word, *Wit* is a Quality that ſome poſſeſs and all covet, what many enjoy and few manage with Diſcretion; it pleaſes and offends, gives Joy and Pain, is prais'd and hated; and like Gold in its greateſt Purity ſtands in need of Alloy: Youth affects it, Folly dreads it, Age deſpiſes it, and Dulneſs abhors it: In ſome 'tis a rich Odour to delight us, and, in others, a deadly Poiſon to deſtroy; he that has the moſt of it is not without Error, nor he that has the leaſt without ſomething to deſerve Praiſe. Some Authors who were more in love with Delicacy than Truth, have endeavour'd to perſuade the World, that *Wit*, and the Uſe of it are owing to a double Cauſe: One the Deſire to pleaſe others, and one to recommend ourſelves: The firſt is made a Merit in the Owner, and is rang'd among the Virtues, the laſt is ſtil'd Vanity, and therefore to be reputed a Vice; now I think nothing is more erroneous than this imaginary Diſtinction; for I believe *Wit* was never yet poſſeſs'd by any without both; for no one yet us'd it without the View of diverting more or leſs, nor ever ſaw that Effect take Place without a ſecret Compliment to himſelf and his Capacity. To be free, I believe 'tis impoſſible for any Man to excel without being conſcious of it, and that Conſciouſneſs will produce Vanity let us diſguiſe it how we pleaſe: All that is in our Power is to confine it within ourſelves, and, if we do, neither God or Man can condemn us for what offends neither. The Vanity indeed that breaks out in a Man's Words and Behaviour, is not to be tolerated or forgiven; ſuch Self-Compliments are an Inſult to every Body beſide, and we can ill bear to ſee Offences of that Kind, without puniſhing them with the Contempt they deſerve. A Man therefore cannot pleaſe others without being pleas'd with himſelf at the ſame Time, and that ſecret Pleaſure is ſecret Vanity: Nevertheleſs this Vanity is not a Fault, becauſe neceſſary, and not to be reprov'd becauſe an Injury to no Man. He therefore who labour'd to make this Diſtinction was afraid to be thought vain, and conſulted his own Reputation only when he pretended to ſearch for Truth: Conſequently 'tis apparent his own Vanity was the Source of his Argument, and when he reaſon'd moſt againſt Vanity in others, he paid the greateſt Compliment to his own. Upon the Whole, Vanity is inſeparable from the Heart of Man; where there is Excellency, it may be endur'd, and, where there is none, it may be cenſur'd, but never remov'd.

SATURDAY, *July* 15.

WE hear the Effigies of the late *William Congreve*, Eſq; the celebrated Poet, curiouſly done in Wax-work, was broke to Pieces by the Careleſſneſs of a Servant in bringing it down Stairs laſt Monday Night, at a Perſon of Quality's Houſe at St. *James*'s: It coſt 200l.

On Thurſday laſt about One in the Morning Mr. *Seager*, one of the Clerks of the *Exchequer*, came into the *Feathers* Tavern in *Caſtle-ſtreet*, *Long-Acre*, and deſired a Bed, and at the ſame Time called for Half a Pint of Wine at the Bar, and took it up Stairs with him; when he was in the Room, he deſired the Waiter to call him up exactly at Eight in the Morning, for if he did not 'twould be at leaſt 10l. out of his Pocket; accordingly the Waiter went to call him, but he anſwered not, ſo he acquainted his Maſter with the Affair and that he heard him groan, upon which they broke open the Door, and he was found lying on his Back with his Head prodigiouſly ſwelled and his Face very black; and about Eleven he expired. He has left a Wife and two ſmall Children. His Place being about 60l. *per Ann.* is in the Gift of the Lord *Halifax*, Auditor of the *Exchequer*.

We hear the Dinner at the late Feaſt of the Knights of the *Bath* amounted to 1250l.

Dublin, *July* 8. On Wedneſday laſt *Marks Rily* and *Roger Farril*, two young Lads condemned for the Murder of *George Linney* the Watchman on the 8th paſt, were executed at St. *Stephen*'s-*Green*. They died very penitent, but declared their Innocence of the Fact of killing the Man, ſaying, they only ran into the Quarrel to ſee who were engaged, without any Intention of Miſchief: But as the Evidence was very full and particular againſt them they did not gain much Credit, it being improbable that they ſhould be miſtaken for any other Perſons.

Robbery, &c. A Houſe in *Baſinghall-ſtreet*; the Maſter having ſome Company, when Supper was ready removed from the Parlour next the Street where they were drinking, to a Dining-Room up Stairs, when the Rogues flung up the Saſh, entered the Room, and carried away four Hats and Swords and two Canes, one with a Gold Head.——An *Iriſh* Ballad-Singer to *Tothill-Fields Bridewell*, for raiſing Mobs and Riots in the Streets occaſioning picking of Pockets.——A Foot-Soldier to the *Gatehouſe*, *Weſtminſter*, for breaking open an Houſe in the Broad Way, and robbing it of Goods to a great Value, having gagg'd and bound three Perſons in their Beds, and almoſt ſtrangled one of them with the Cord.——Another Man to the ſame Goal, for Stealing.——Two Men to the *New-Goal* in *Southwark*, for the Highway.

Preferment. *Julius Nanus*, Eſq; an Officer of Foot on Half-pay, is appointed to command a Company in the Regiment of Foot commanded by Col. *Clayton*.

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Marriage. On Wednesday laſt *Colombine Lee Carré* of *Cork* in *Ireland*, Eſq; was married to Miſs *Elizabeth Julia Barnard* of St. *Anne's Weſtminſter*, a Lady of 10,000l. Fortune.

Deaths. Laſt Week died at *Cirencester* in *Glouceſterſhire* Mrs. *Bouchier* a Widow Lady, related to his Grace the Duke of *Chandois*.——On Sunday died at *Plymouth* Mr. *Grierſon*, Lieutenant of a Company of Invalids.——We hear that Mr. *Francis Lynn*, one of his Majeſty's Meſſengers in Ordinary, died lately in his Return home from *Spain*.——Yeſterday Morning a Man in *Old-ſtreet*, for a trifling Wager, drank a Quart of Geneva, and died in about three Hours.

MONDAY, *July* 17.

On Saturday Morning an unhappy Accident happen'd at Mr. *Rogers*'s in *Chandois-ſtreet*, *Covent-Garden*. The Caſe as we are informed was as follows, *viz.* Mr. *Rogers* who was going out of Town, came back to his Houſe for a Paper that he had forgotten, when hearing one of his Children cry, he asked what was the Matter, and was told by the Child and another Perſon who was preſent, that the Maid had on Purpoſe ſwept ſome Duſt into the Child's Eyes. Whereupon he inſiſted that ſhe ſhould immediately go out of his Houſe, having cauſed ſome Diſturbances before; which ſhe refuſed to do; upon which he went to puſh her out of the Houſe, but ſhe reſiſted, and fell upon the Pit of her Stomach againſt a Chair, and afterwards with her Temple againſt an Iron Grate, whereby ſhe was ſo much bruiſed that ſhe did not live above an Hour afterwards, tho' all poſſible Means were uſed for her Recovery. The ſaid Mr. *Rogers* was committed to the *Gatehouſe*.

Yeſterday the two Envoys from the Government of *Algiers* dined with Sir *Charles Wager* at his Houſe on *Parſon's-Green* near *Fulham*, and had their own Cook to kill and dreſs for them.

We have Advice from *Cuba* of the 22d of *April* laſt, that the *Spaniards* had taken a *Dutch* Veſſel going from *Curacoa* for *Holland*, worth above 40,000l. Sterling, and no Way concerned in private Trade; notwithſtanding which ſhe was condemned at St. *Domingo*: But that an Appeal was gone to *Spain*.

On Friday about Noon the *Harriſon*, Capt. *Martin*, and the *Hertford* late Capt *Nelly* (now Capt. *Bagwell*) from *China*, arrived in the *Downs*, and ſailed thro' for the River without anchoring, or having been ſpoke with in the Channel by the *Company's Yacht* or the *Cuſtom-houſe Sloop*, which have been long cruizing there in Order to have met them. Mr. *Naiſh* and the reſt of the Company's Supercargos are come up from them, and Mr. *Middleton* and Mr. *Weſſall* waited on the Directors at the *Eaſt-India* Houſe on Saturday. They left *Canton* in *China* the 6th of *January*, and arrived at St. *Helena* about the 17th of *May* where they ſtaid about eight Days, leaving there the *Drake*, Capt. *Houghton*, and the *George*, Capt. *Pit* from *Bengall* and *Fort St. George*, and the *Ockham*, Capt. *Jobſon*, from *Bombay*, all for *London*. The *Drake* and the *George*, came from the Fort the 11th of *February*; from whence the *London*, Capt. *Bootle*, and the *Dawſon*, Capt. *Steward*, ſailed for *London* about ten Days before; and 'tis ſuppoſed put into the *Cape of Good Hope*, and arrived at St. *Helena* the 15th of *May*. The *Middleſex*, Capt *Pelly*, and the *Derby*, Capt. *Anſelme*, were to ſail from *Bengall* about the Middle of *February*, and there were Hopes of having Goods ſufficient to load the *Duke* of *Cumberland*, Capt. *Braund*, for *London* that Seaſon, the Miſunderſtanding of the Natives being at an End. *John Dean*, Eſq; Governor of the *Britiſh* Factory at that Place was to embark for *England* in the *Middleſex*. And Yeſterday about Four in the Afternoon the *Harriſon* and the *Hertford* above mention'd were ſafely moored off *Woolwich*.

Commitment. On Saturday a Man was committed to *Newgate*, for Felony and Burglary.

Death. Yeſterday died at his Houſe in St. *Anne's-Court*, *Weſtminſter*, Mr. *Morſet*, who had been for many Years one of the Door-Keepers of the Houſe of Commons; his Place is in the Gift of the Serjeant at Arms.——*William Moore*, at his Houſe at *South Lambeth*.

TUESDAY, *July* 18.

Laſt Week a private Centinel of the third Regiment of Foot-Guards ſhot himſelf in the Barracks in the *Savoy*, and expired immediately. He placed the But-End of his Fire-lock againſt a Step, and put the Muzzle to his left Breaſt, and with the Rammer puſh'd the Trigger. The Coroner's Inqueſt have ſat on the Body, and brought in their Verdict *Lunacy*.

Yeſterday the Ship *Cæſar*, which lately arrived from the *Eaſt-Indies*, was paid at the *Eaſt-India* Houſe.

On Saturday a Man well-dreſt was found drowned in the *New River* over-againſt *Highbury* Barn.

The *Beake* Galley which is arrived in the River in her Paſſage from *Legborn* put into *Cadiz*, from whence ſhe came on Thurſday the 22th ult. While ſhe lay there arriv'd a *Spaniſh* Man of War from *Oran*, with Advice of the *Spaniards* having made themſelves Maſter of that Town and the Forts thereto belonging, with the Loſs of but 800 Men, tho' ſome Perſons on board the Man of War had owned in Converſation that the Number of their Slain amounted to about 4000, two entire Regiments, one *Iriſh* and the other *French*, with a Major-General, having been cut off by an Ambuſcade which the *Moors* had laid; which Loſs they aſcribed to falſe Intelligence, received from the *French* Conſul of the Town being deſerted. The *Moors* were ſaid to have loſt 7000 Men.

On Sunday Night the new-born Son of the Hon. *Henry Vane*, Eſq; eldeſt Son and Heir to the Right Hon. the Lord *Bernard*, was baptized at his Houſe in *Brook ſtreet* by the Name of *Frederick*, his Royal Highneſs the Prince of *Wales* and his Grace the Duke of *Cleaveland* and *Southampton* ſtanding Godfathers, and the Hon. Mrs. *Anne Vane*, lately Maid of Honour to her Majeſty, Godmother.

On Sunday Night the Coroner's Inqueſt ſat on the Body of *Elizabeth Loveday*, Servant to Mr. *Rogers* in *Chandois-ſtreet*, who was unfortunately killed, as we have before related, and brought in their Verdict *Manſlaughter*.

Dartmouth, *July* 14. Yeſterday came in the *Anne* of *Weymouth*, *Manſel*, from *Malaga* for *Guernſey*; on the 1ſt Inſt. ſhe met with a *French* Ship, which ſhe ſuppoſed to be a Banker from *Newfoundland* bound home to *France* in the Lat. of 45 and 30, who ſent his Men on board, and plundered out of the ſaid Veſſel a Silver Watch, ſix Silver Spoons, an half Hogſhead of Wine, and other Things to the Value of 15l. but would not tell to what particular Place in *France* ſhe was bound to.

Robberies, &c. Laſt Saturday between Six and Seven in the Evening a Country Inn-Keeper was robb'd by a ſingle Highwayman in the Croſs-Road between the lower Street *Iſlington* and *Kingsland*, of 5311. 10s. for which he will ſue the County.——On Friday a Gentleman was robb'd of 16 Guineas near *Endfield*, by a ſingle Highwayman.——A Journeyman-Baker to *Newgate*, for defrauding his Maſter of five Guineas.——A Woman to *Bridewell*, who behaved in ſo outrageous a Manner before the Juſtice, that they were forced to carry her thither in a Cart by main Force.

Deaths. Sir *Richard Groſvenor*, Bart. died laſt Wedneſday at his Seat at *Eaton-Hall* in *Cheſhire*.——The Rev. Mr. *Copley*, Rector of *Thornhill* in *Yorkſhire*.——Mrs. *Tolhurſt*, a Maiden Lady, having left behind her a Fortune of 20,000l. which was left her by the late Lady *Cheney*, and ſhe has bequeath'd it to the Right Hon. the Lord *Gower*.——Brigadier General *Dubourgay*, at *Edinburgh*.——Mrs. *Jane Spicer*, a Maiden Lady, Siſter of *Chriſtopher Spicer* of *Red-Lyon-Square*, Eſq; to whoſe two Daughters ſhe has left about 10,000l.——Mr. *Moore*, at his Houſe in *Kennington-Lane* near *Vaux-Hall*.——Mr. *Draper*, an eminent Attorney, at his Houſe at *Hamſtead*.

Shipping. The *Fleece Snow* ſailed from *Cork* laſt Wedneſday in Company with the *Hopewell*, Capt. *Dennis* of *Dublin*, bound for *Swanzey*, for a Loading of Coals, in Order to carry it to *France*, when about Twelve at Night ſhe ſprung a Leak: The *Fleece* lay too, to give her Aſſiſtance when a Boat came with the Maſter, three Sailors, and a Paſſenger, the Sea running Mountains high, they with the utmoſt Difficulty and Hazard got ſafe on board the *Fleece*. Which they had no ſooner done but they ſaw the Ship ſink down. We have an Account from *Glaſgow*, that the *Charming Anne* of *Greenock*, *James Heron* Maſter, loaden with Wine, was lately caſt away on the Coaſt of *France*, and all the Men but two periſhed.

WEDNESDAY, *July* 19.

An Expreſs from the Earl of *Waldegrave*, his Majeſty's Ambaſſador at the Court of *France*, has brought Letters from Mr. *Keene*, his Majeſty's Miniſter Plenipotentiary at *Seville*, dated the 9th of *July*, N. S. Giving an Account of the Arrival there of three Officers from the *Spaniſh* Army at *Oran* with the following Advices. The firſt was a Brother of the Duke *de St. Blas*, who brought the News that on the 30th of *June*, N. S. the Day after their Landing, the General Count *de Montemar* ſent out a Party of about 60 Men to obſerve the *Moors*, who being nearer them than they imagin'd, they were obliged to retire, and the *Moors* were tempted to attack them, and drove them to the advanced Guard, which not being able to ſupport them, the Grand Guard marched to their Aſſiſtance, and to ſuſtain the latter, Count *Montemar* order'd the whole Army to march in ſix Columns, till the Left Wing was entirely engag'd with the Enemy, and in four Hours from the Beginning of the Action, oblig'd them to abandon a very advantageous Poſt which commands the Fort of *Mazalquivir*. The *Moors* loſt a conſiderable Number of Men, but rhe *Spaniards* had only 30 kill'd, and about 150 wounded. A Son-in-Law of Count *Montemar*'s came ſoon after, with an Account, that the *Engliſh* and *French* Conſuls had written to the *Spaniſh* General, to acquaint him, that the *Moors* were in ſuch Conſternation, that they began to abandon the City, and every one was pillaging, ſo that the Conſuls fearing to be expoſed to the Fury of the People, deſired they might have a Guard to ſecure their Perſons: Upon which the General was marching with the Army directly to the Town. And by the Marquiſs *de las Minas*, who arrived at *Seville* the 8th of *July*, N. S. at Two in the Morning, the Court had receiv'd Advice, that on the 1ſt Inſtant N. S. Poſſeſſion was taken of the Town, and the Fort of *Mazalquivir*, in which were about 150 *Turks*, who capitulated for their Lives and Liberties; and that the *Spaniſh* Army was encamp'd very commodiouſly near a ſmall River on the ſame Ground the *Moors* had abandoned. The laſt Account they had of the Strength of the *Moors*, ſhews that they were in a Condition to have made a vigorous Defence, and even to have expoſed the *Spaniſh* Army to great Difficulties and Hazards in the preſent Seaſon of the Year: The *Mooriſh* Army conſiſted of 22000 *Moors*, and 2000 *Turks*; they had about 120 Pieces of Cannon, of which 30 are Braſs, and 12 Mortars, and they were well provided with Powder, Carriages, Field-Artillery, and with great Plenty of all Sorts of Proviſion, and the Fort and Fortifications are all in extreme good Order. The Officers who have been diſpatch'd to the Court of *Spain* upon this Occaſion, have been rewarded with Penſions or Promotions in the Army. The Marquiſs *de las Minas*, who was made Mareſchal de Camp at the laſt Promotion, is now advanced to the Command of Lieutenant-General. The Marquiſs *de Santa Cruz*, who was his *Catholick* Majeſty's Plenipotentiary at *Paris*, is made Governor of *Oran*.

The Hon. Court of Lieutenancy have appointed a general Muſter of the ſix Regiments of the Trained Bands of this City to be on the following Days, *viz.*

The *Blue*, commanded by Sir *Gilbert Heathcote*, on Tueſday the 8th of *Auguſt*.

The *Green*, commanded by Sir *William Humphries*, on Friday the 11th Ditto.

The *Yellow*, commanded by Sir *Charles Peers*, on Tueſday the 15th Ditto.

The *Orange*, commanded by Sir *Gerard Conyers*, on Thurſday the 17th Ditto.

The *White*, commanded by Sir *John Eyles*, on Tueſday the 21ſt Ditto.

The *Red*, commanded by Sir *Robert Baylis*, on Thurſday the 23 Ditto.

Yeſterday was held a Board of Admiralty, when ſeveral impreſs'd Mariners on board the Men of War obtained their Diſcharge.

We hear from *Dartford* in *Kent*, that on Friday laſt the *Cuſtomhouſe* Officers, aſſiſted by ſome Guards, ſeized a great Quantity of Goods, and took two of the *Boxley* Gang, who made a ſtout Reſiſtance, but were forced to make off, leaving two of their Companions behind them.

Laſt Saturday a Waterman's Apprentice of *Greenwich* making Way for his Boat to get in at the *Tower Wharf*, fell over between the Boats and was drowned.

On Sunday a Woman going into a Boat at *Black-Fryers*, her Foot ſlipt, and ſhe fell in, and was drowned.

On Friday Evening a Quarrel happened between a Drayman and an Hempdreſſer at a Publick Houſe in *White's-Alley* in *Little Moorfields*, when after exchanging ſome Blows the latter was killed on the Spot, and the other has ſince abſconded.

On Monday Night laſt between Ten and Eleven, there was an Outcry of Murder, Watch, *&c.* at a private Houſe almoſt oppoſite to *Princes Court*, *Drury-Lane*: People coming up, 'twas found that a Bailiff and his Follower, with the Client, having watch'd the Gentleman againſt whom the legiſlative Weapon was levell'd, from the other Side of the Way, ſeeing him, as they imagin'd, coming in, ruſh'd croſs the Street, and the Houſe Door being open, the Gentleman perceiving the Bears after him, made the beſt of his Way up Stairs, with them at his Heels; he however had the good Fortune to eſcape into a Room, where he ſhut himſelf in; the Bailiff, *&c.* upon their Return down Stairs, met with a Party of Women, whom it is ſaid they abus'd, and that the Follower was forc'd to make but one Step of the whole Stair-Caſe; upon this the Watch was called in, and a fierce Battle enſued, when ſeveral Neighbours coming in, the Myrmidons were taken Priſoners, and carried to St. *Martin's* Round-houſe: After a long Hearing before the Monarch of the Night, it was reſolv'd that the Client, the Bailiff, and the roaſted Follower, ſhould ſpend the Night in his Palace, till a Juſtice of Peace ſhould determine what was to be done with them.

Robberies, &c. On Sunday Evening a Cornet of the Duke of *Bolton's* Blue Guards, and another Gentleman coming from *Kew* to the *Bull-Head* at *Putney* in a Chair, were attacked by two Highwaymen on *Barnes-Common*, who robbed them of their Money and Gold Watches.——On Saturday Mr. *Griffith*, a Surgeon in *Dean-ſtreet*, *Soho*, was robbed in his Chaiſe and a Lady with him by a ſingle Highwayman in his Return from *Hamſtead*.——A Man and a Woman to *Newgate*, for knocking down a Perſon in *Smithfield*, and then rifling and robbing him.

Preferments. *Charles Hardy*, Eſq; Captain of the *Carolina* Yacht, is choſen Director of the Royal-Hoſpital of *Greenwich*, in the room of *Thomas Wainwright*, Eſq; lately made one of the Barons of the *Exchequer* in *Ireland*.——*Robert Pauncefort*, Eſq; is appointed Steward to his Royal Highneſs the Prince of *Wales* in his Manor of *Kenſington*.——Mr. *Cowell*, Groom of the Chambers to his Grace the Duke of *Richmond*, was Yeſterday ſworn in at the *Cockpit* Meſſenger in Ordinary to his Majeſty, in the room of *Francis Lynn*, who lately died abroad.

Deaths. Yeſterday died Mrs. *Stephens*, at her Houſe in *Theobald's-Court* in *Holborn*, a Widow Lady of a great

Eſtate.——*Robert Elliſon*, Eſq; Collector of the Cuſtoms at *New-York*.——On Sunday died at *Bromfield* in *Eſſex*, the Right Hon. the Counteſs of *Donnegal*, Wife to *Henry* Earl of *Donnegal* in *Ireland*.——The ſame Day died ſuddenly the Hon. Col. *Egerton*, Brother to his Grace the Duke of *Bridgewater*.

THURSDAY, *July* 20.

We are very impatient here to learn the Particulars of the Charter for eſtabliſhing the new Colony in *Georgia*; we can only yet gather in general, that it is calculated for the Relief of the Unfortunate, that all who go are to be free, to have Lands given them, and to be ſettled under a regular Form of Government; with the Rights and Privileges of *Engliſhmen*. That there will be Attempts made for raiſing Raw Silk, Vines, Olives, and other Things which ſucceed very well there, and do not grow well in *England*; and the People will be encouraged in bringing Raw Silk, Wine and Oil to Perfection, and be prohibited from making any Manufactures that may interfere with *Great Britain*. It is generally believed that this Matter will in a few Years conſiderably leſſen the Poor's Tax, by relieving great Numbers of unfortunate People, and by giving Employment to the Manufactures in *England*, for furniſhing them with all Kind of Neceſſaries.

His Majeſty's Ships the *Grafton*, *Buckingham*, *Edinburgh*, *Norfolk*, and *Sunderland*, which lay at the *Nore*, are order'd into *Sheerneſs* and *Black Stakes*, to lie at their ſeveral Places as Guard-Ships; and Yeſterday his Majeſty's Ship the *Sunderland* came into *Sheerneſs* Harbour from the *Nore*, the reſt being daily expected.

Yeſterday was held a General Court of the *York Buildings* Company, when *Nathaniel Blackerby*, Eſq; was elected an Aſſiſtant, in the room of Mr. *Aſhley*, who had diſqualify'd himſelf; and the Thanks of the General Court was given to Mr. *Blackerby* for his Acceptance of the Truſt of an Aſſiſtant at this Time. It was alſo moved that a Call of 30*s.* *per Cent.* ſhould be made, and a Ballot being demanded thereupon, it was reſolved that the Transfer Books ſhould be ſhut immediately, in Order to take the ſaid Ballot.

On Monday laſt *William Reed*, Eſq; his Majeſty's Conſul at *Tripoli*, received Orders to embark forthwith for that City.

They write from *Glaſgow*, that the Shock of an Earthquake has been felt there and in that Neighbourhood, but no Damage was done, tho' Plates and Cups were obſerved to move upon the Shelves.

We hear from *Newcaſtle upon Tyne*, that as the *Penryth* Carrier, was croſſing the River at *Newburn* with two Horſes, the Boat overſet, and he and the Waterman and one Horſe were drowned.

Edinburgh, *July* 13. On Monday Night a Meſſenger arrived here, to carry up the Boxes lately ſeized here in a Merchant's Houſe in the Bow, which had been ſent hither by *John Thomſon*, the *Charitable* Warehouſe-keeper.

Robberies, &c. On Tueſday Night an eminent *Jew* was attack'd in his Chariot near *Pancras*, in his Return from *Hamſtead*, and robbed by a ſingle Highwayman.——On Monday Night the Rev. Mr. *Smith*, Miniſter of *Kentiſh-Town*, was robbed by two Foot-pads, juſt as he was entering that Town.——A Gentleman and his Wife were robb'd Yeſterday about Ten in the Morning in the Fields between the Halfway-Houſe and *Pond-ſtreet*, *Hamſtead*, by two Foot-pads.——A Man to *New-Priſon*, *Clerkenwell*, by the Bench of Juſtices, on Suſpicion of writing a threatning Letter to *Edward Buckley*, Eſq; ordering 40 Guineas to be laid in a particular Place in *Moorfields*, or his Houſe ſhould be fired.——A Woman to *Newgate*, for ſtealing a Mare, Value 12 Guineas.

Preferments. *Thomas Beaſley*, Eſq; is made Collector of his Majeſty's Cuſtoms in *Penſylvania*, in the room of Mr. *Fox*, deceas'd.——The Rev. Mr. *George Brook* is preſented to the Rectory of *Penryth* in *Pembrokeſhire*.——The Rev. Mr. *John Fleming* is preſented to the Vicarage of *Thorner* in the County of *York*.——Yeſterday Mr. *John Dormer* was choſen Beadle of the *Haberdaſhers* Company, in the room of Mr. *Haynes*, deceas'd.

Marriage. Mr. *Farrow*, an eminent Apothecary in *Newgate-Market*, was married laſt Tueſday at *Hackney* to Mrs. *Devil*, a Widow Lady, with a Fortune of 600*l.* *per Annum*.

Deaths. Yeſterday Morning died, at his Houſe in *Red-Lyon Square*, *Martin Fellows*, Eſq;——On Saturday died of the Small-Pox Mr. *John Sawyer*, Keeper of the King's little or home Park at *Windſor*; and the Dutcheſs of *Marlborough*, as Ranger, has been pleaſed to confer the Place upon his Son.——The ſame Day died Mr. *Stone*, Mayor of St. *Alban's*, aged 82.

Bankrupts. *Johnſon Robottom*, of *Weſt-Lynn* in *Norfolk*, Merchant.——*Jonathan Ford*, of *Three Cranes*, *Thames-ſtreet*, *London*, Brewer.——*Thomas Noak*, of *Snellisham* in *Norfolk*, Merchant.——*Joſeph Cutlove*, late of *Malden* in *Eſſex*, Grocer and Chapman.——*William Knowles*, late of *London*, Merchant.——*Joſeph Barham*, of *Fenchurch-ſtreet*, Grocer.——*Chriſt Steaman*, of *Stow-Market* in *Suffolk*, Mercer and Draper.

FRIDAY, *July* 21.

By a *Dutch* Ship lately arrived at *Amſterdam* from the Bay of *Honduras*, we have Advice, that the *Spaniards* had viſited that Bay once more; that they had taken ſeveral Veſſels commanded by Capt. *Wickham*, Capt. *Cahon*, Capt. *Thomas*, Capt. *Farrington*, Capt. *Stroide*, Capt. *Tibby*, a Brig. from *Boſton*, and one belonging to *Liverpoole*. He ſays that he narrowly eſcaped being taken, that all the Bay Men were gone except eight or nine, who hide in the Woods till they can get an Opportunity of tranſporting themſelves to ſome otehr Place more ſecure. The *Spaniards* declare that they will frequently viſit the ſaid Bay, to prevent all other Nations from cutting the Logwood there, and likewiſe will condemn all Ships which they ſhall ſeize in that clandeſtine Trade.

Yeſterday Morning ſeveral of the Queen's Grooms and Horſes were ſent to the new Park at *Richmond*, to exerciſe the Hounds with which her Majeſty deſigns to hunt on Saturday next; and this Day the Hon. Col. *Nigus*, Maſter of his Majeſty's Buck Hounds, is expected in Town from *Ipſwich* in *Suffolk*, in Order to make the neceſſary Preparations thereto: The Royal Family deſign to hunt twice a Week during the Seaſon.

The Beginning of next Week all the Officers Widows will be paid at the War-Office.

On Friday laſt the Treaſurer of the publick Infirmary in *Chapel-ſtreet*, *Weſtminſter*, (which was erected about 13 Years ago) for the Reception and Relief of the Sick and Needy from all Parts, received from an unknown Hand a Bill of 20*l.* for the Uſe of that Charity, with which he acquainted the Truſtees the Wedneſday following.

The Company of *Chelſea* Water-Works have ordered a Mill to be built to go by Horſes in *Hyde Park*, in Order to throw the Water with greater Force, to ſerve the Houſes that ſtand upon the high Ground about *Grosvenor-Square*.

On Wedneſday laſt a large Quantity of Gold was ſeized by the King's Officers on board the *Hertford* at *Woolwich*, lately arrived from *China*, ſaid to belong to a Gentleman who came home in the ſaid Ship.

Yeſterday *James Barthwick* late Book-Keeper to Meſſieurs *Jefferies*, Hair-Merchants on *Snow-Hill*, was apprehended and taken, having robbed his ſaid Maſters to the Value of 300*l.*

We hear that *James Murray* who was ſome Time ago committed to *Carliſle* Jail for a Murder perpetrated ſeven Years ſince in *Dumfreis* in *Scotland*, is to be removed by Virtue of a Warrant from his Grace the Duke of *Newcaſtle* to be try'd for the ſame in *Scotland*.

Robbery, &c. On Monday laſt a Scrutore was broke open belonging to the Lady *Oſborne*, at her Houſe in *Cleaveland-Court*, St. *James's*, and taken from thence 24 Guineas and a Half in Gold, 4*l.* in Silver, and a Gold Watch; but the Thief is not yet diſcovered.——Two Boys to the *Gatehouſe*, *Weſtminſter*, for robbing a Child in the Street of a Gold Chain and Locket.——Two Men to the County Jail of *Surrey*, on Suſpicion of Deer-ſtealing; ſeveral Inſtruments of Death were found upon them at their Examination before two of his Majeſty's Juſtices in *Southwark*.

Preferments. Sir *Arthur Forbes* of *Cragievar* is choſen Member of Parliament for the County of *Aberdeen*, in the room of Sir *Archibald Grant*, expelled the Houſe of Commons.——The Rev. Mr. *John Aſcenbroke* is preſented to the Rectory of St. *Mary* in the Town of *Stafford*.——The Rev. Mr. *John Ruſhworth* is preſented to the Vicarage of *Fillingſley* in the County of *Warwick*.——The Rev. Dr. *Richard Grey*, Author of *The Abridgement of the Biſhop of* London's Codex, and of *Memoria Technica*, was, laſt Week, at the Commencement at *Cambridge*, preſented with a Doctor's Degree, by that Univerſity, as he had before been by the Univerſity of *Oxford*.——Mr. *Moffet* is made Door-Keeper of the Houſe of Commons, in the room of his Father, deceaſed, by the Serjeant at Arms, in whoſe Gift it was.

Deaths. Yeſterday Morning died, at his Houſe in *King-ſtreet* near *Guildhall*, Mr. *Patterſon*, an eminent wholeſale Linnen Draper.——The ſame Morning Mr. *Hurlock*, a Glazier at the *Horſe-Ferry*, *Weſtminſter*, dropt down dead.——The Rev. Mr. *Laurence*, celebrated for his Writings on *Lay-Baptiſm*, for which he was preſented with his Degree of Maſter of Arts by the Univerſity of *Oxford*.

FOREIGN NEWS.

Hague, *July* 25. N. S.

Extract of a Letter from Seville, *dated* July 8. N. S.

THE Brother of the Duke *de St. Blas* arrived here the 5th Inſtant from *Africa*, with the joyful News that the *Moors* came the 30th paſt to attack the left Wing of the *Spaniſh* Army; but that after a Combat of four Hours, they had been repuls'd and put to Flight with conſiderable Loſs. The next Day the Marquiſs *de Villa-Harmoza* followed the former from the Camp before *Oran*, with Advice that the *Moors* after that Loſs had abandoned the City and Caſtles of *Oran*, and the Garriſon of *Mazalquivir* had demanded to capitulate. The Marquiſs *das Minas* arriv'd juſt now with the agreeable News that the *Spaniſh* Army enter'd *Oran*, and that *Mazalquivir* had alſo ſurrender'd to the victorious Troops of the *Catholick* King. As ſoon as the Court receiv'd the important News of the Defeat of the *Moriſco* Troops, Illuminations and Rejoicings were order'd throughout the whole City during three ſucceſſive Days, which was begun accordingly, and this Day *Te Deum* was ſung in our Cathedral, and will be continued during the publick Rejoicings. The Brother of the Duke of *St. Blas*, and the Marquiſs *de Villa-Harmoza*, who were Captains in the King's Troops have been made Colonels, and the Marquiſs *das Minas* Lieutenant-General.

Extract of another Letter from Seville, *dated* July 9. N. S.

The Debarkation of the *Spaniſh* Troops was made the 29th paſt. The 30th an Action happen'd between the King's Army and that of the *Moors*, conſiſting of 20,000 Men, in which the latter were totally routed, and put to Flight. The *Spaniards* had 130 of their Men wounded, and 30 killed, amongſt whom there were five Officers. The 1ſt Inſtant the *Spaniſh* Troops enter'd *Oran*, ſo that in three Days Time the Deſcent was made, the Enemies beaten, and the City of *Oran* with its Caſtles taken. The Army of the *Infidels* was to be reinforced with 10,000 *Moors*, and 6000 *Turks*, who were coming from *Algier*, but upon the News of the Defeat of the firſt, they turn'd about and made the beſt of their Way home. The Number of the Slain on the Part of the Enemy is not yet known: Eighty Pieces of Braſs Cannon, fifty of Iron, and 12 Field Pieces, with all that is neceſſary for their Uſe were found in the City and Caſtles of *Oran*, beſides a prodigious Store of Ammunition of War; Grain in Abundance of all Sorts, a great Number of Sheep, Oxen, and Fowls, with a conſiderable Quantity of Wool; that City and Caſtles having been provided for three Months. 'Tis not yet known whether the King's Army will undertake any further Progreſs in that Part of the World. We have Advices from *Turin*, that King *Victor Amadeus* lies ill at the Point of Death, and had the Holy Sacraments of the Church adminiſtred unto him.

Extract of a Letter from Carthagena, *dated the 8th Inſt. N. S.*

On the 5th an Expreſs arrived from *Oran*, with the moſt agreeable News of his Majeſty's Troops having taken Poſſeſſion of that Town on the 2d Inſt. after a Battle with the *Moors* whoſe Army conſiſted of 14,000 Horſe and 8000 Foot, of whom 'tis ſaid our Soldiers made great Slaughter, but our Loſs was inconſiderable: But we have Reaſon to believe the King has loſt a great many Men the Moors fighting very deſperately for near ſix Hours, and had they been equal with us in their Diſcipline, as they had the Advantage of the Ground, by all we can learn the Victory would have been very uncertain. On the 6th two *French* Men of War arrived at *Alicant* in their Way to *Cadiz*, after a ſhort Paſſage from *Algier*, whoſe Commanders reported, that the Inhabitants of that City, both of *Turks* and *Moors*, were in the utmoſt Confuſion on Account of the Expedition againſt *Oran*, which was ſo much magnified, and ſtruck ſuch Terror, that in Caſe the *Spaniards* appear'd before *Algier*, it would, in all Probability be abandon'd, and as the Conqueſt of *Oran* was ſo quickly compleated, its probable this News will encourage our Court to proceed againſt that City, there being a great Number of Troops ready on the Coaſt to embark on the leaſt Notice. We have had Rejoicings and Illuminations for three Days and Nights ſucceſſively for this Succeſs.

Extract of a Letter from Lisbon, July 13. N. S.

Three Days ago 'twas reported that the *Braſil* Fleet was off our Coaſt, but they do not yet appear. Since mine of the 5th Inſt. the *Prince Frederick* Packet Boat, Capt. *Lovel*, is arrived from *Falmouth*, having on board the Earl of *Albemarle* and other Officers whom ſhe has Orders to carry to their Regiments at *Gibraltar*.

Amſterdam, *July* 15. N. S. We have received Advices from *Ruſſia*, which are directly contrary to what has been publiſh'd in ſome News-Papers, in relation to the Treaty lately concluded between *Muſcovy* and *Perſia*, as if it were not ſo advantageous for *Ruſſia*, as was at firſt given out. We have it from good Hands, that thoſe Conjectures were as preſumptuous as the Story of Count *Tolſtoy*'s being recalled from his Baniſhment, to be ſent on ſome Foreign Embaſſy, and namely to *France*, was falſe, he having been dead theſe three Years. Of which it was thought proper to advertiſe the Publick, that they may judge by this Circumſtance, how ill informed ſuch News-Writers are, who can publiſh Conjectures as bold, as the Facts are impoſſible.

Hanover, *July* 22. N. S. On Saturday laſt the King finiſhed the particular Review of the Troops encamped near this City; and his Majeſty ſeemed to be very well pleaſed therewith. The Baron *de Beveren*, Great Marſhal of the *Palatine* Court, arrived here the 20th, and had the Honour to wait upon the King the ſame Day, and to compliment him in the Name of the Elector *Palatine*, upon his late Arrival in *Germany*. M. *de Chavigny*, Miniſter of *France*, arrived here the ſame Day.

Petersburgh, *July* 1. Some days ago, the Squadron commanded by Admiral *Gordon*, ſailed from *Cronſtadt*, and caſt Anchor at the Mouth of the *Neva*, where it will remain till the Czarina's Arrival, who is preparing to go thither.

On the 27th past, her Czarian Majesty went to see the fine Coach-Horses lately presented to her by the Emperor, with which that Princess was extremely well pleased, as well as with some *Spanish* Horses lately arrived, which she then saw also for the first time. The same Day a Fregate of 44 Guns was launched in her Majesty's Presence. On the 28th, the three Regiments of *Preobrazinski*, *Semenowski*, and *Ismail* of Guards, marched to the Camp behind the Czarina's Summer Palace. There lately arrived here, by the Canal of *Ladoga*, a great Number of Vessels loaded with all sorts of Merchandizes, and particularly those of *Persia*, which were brought to *Derbent* since the Peace. The Fregate sent some time ago to *Copenhagen*, with Dispatches for the Baron de *Brackel*, her Czarian Majesty's Minister at that Court, returned into our Road Yesterday, and the Captain went immediately to Court, to deliver his Letters into the Czarina's Hands. We hear no more of the forming a Camp near *Riga*.

Vienna, July 12. N. S. A Courier is arrived here from *Seville*, with a Letter written by the King of *Spain* himself to the Emperor, concerning the *Veniam ætatis*, or Dispensation of Age, demanded in favour of the Infante Don *Carlos*; the Count *Saiviatico*, Minister of *Parma*, has dispatched another with the Resolution of the Aulick Council in that Case, which has likewise been sent to the Emperor at *Prague*. We hear that this Resolution sets forth, That the Emperor cannot yet, for weighty Reasons, grant a Dispensation of Age in favour of the Infante Don *Carlos*; but that his Imperial Majesty will grant that Prince the Investiture of the Dutchies of *Parma* and *Placientia*, as soon as the Preliminary Conditions thereto are settled, *&c.* Prince *Frederick* of *Wirtemberg* is to go to *Italy* very soon, to take upon him the Post of Commander in Chief in *Lombardy*, vacant by the Death of General *Montecuculi*. The D. of *Lorrain*, who was got to *Buda*, having received an Express from the Emperor, has put off his Journey to *Belgrade*, and is expected back at *Presburg*. On the 10th Instant was celebrated at Court the Festival of St. *Amelia*, whose Name the Empress Dowager and the Electress of *Bavaria* bear. The same Day the Count de *Creil* came hither from *Carelsbad* to compliment the Empress *Amelia* upon that Occasion on the part of their Imperial Majesties.

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